

OBITUARY

DR. THOMAS CALDERWOOD STEPHENS died at Sioux City, Iowa, on November 24, 1948, aged 72 years. A half of his span of life was spent in distinguished service to ornithology. Though taking a degree in medicine, he could not resign himself to reducing this training to practice. A fondness for the biological sciences and an inherited bias for teaching led him to accept the chair of biology at Morningside College. He resigned from the professorship in 1946 after 40 years of continuous duty. He taught also for 16 summers at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory where classroom instruction was supplemented by field trips to permit his students to learn the habits of birds in their natural surroundings.

The editing of a scientific journal requires not only a broad knowledge of the particular science but unlimited time and patience. In 1925 Dr. Stephens succeeded Prof. Lynds Jones as editor of the *Wilson Bulletin* and served in this capacity until 1938, a period of 14 years. Dr. R. M. Strong paid a well deserved tribute to these men when he wrote: "Finally, some consideration should be given to the devoted and effective work of the editors of the publications of the Club and especially to Professors Jones and Stephens. . . . Dr. Stephens, taking on the duties of editor, . . . has been conscientious and highly successful." Prior to assuming the editorship he served as President of the Wilson Ornithological Club from 1914 to 1916.

The broad range of his interest in birds is shown by his membership in other societies such as the American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Club, Iowa Ornithologists' Union, Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, Sioux City Bird Club, Iowa Academy of Science, and the Sioux City Academy of Science.

The number of his publications on birds is approximately 75. Living in extreme western Iowa, contiguous to Nebraska and South Dakota, his ornithological activities knew no boundaries. In 1945 he published privately, "An Annotated Bibliography of South Dakota Ornithology." He was engaged at the time of his death on manuscripts covering the ornithological bibliographies of Iowa and North Dakota, the birds of Woodbury County, Iowa, and those of Union County, South Dakota.—A. W. SCHORGER.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOLT, as associate member of the Wilson Ornithological Club for 35 years, died in Kansas City, Missouri on January 1, 1949 at the age of 78. He was born on March 26, 1870 in Elmwood, Illinois where at the age of 12, he became interested in ornithology. In the Kansas City region he accumulated a representative collection of birds' eggs and an extensive library on the subject of birds, and was considered the best read man in this section of the country in the literature on ornithology. Mr. Bolt was a quiet, mild-mannered gentleman and a fine companion in the field.—DIX TEACHENOR.

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